

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Re-entry Announcement

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult...The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalm 46: 1-3, 7).

Thank you for your patience during this time of fasting from the Lord's Supper and of suspended gathering at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. What follows is our plan of re-entry, which has a two-pronged goal, in-person gathering around Word and Sacrament and the health and safety of all. The re-entry plan is designed to help us ease into gathering in-person so that at every phase we can follow government guidelines and allow for personal protective equipment to be in place to make worship as safe as possible. Please note, that should the circumstances of the pandemic change, as with any plan, adjustments would be necessary.

The nature and shape of our first in-person worship services are detailed below. We hope this gives you an idea of what to expect during worship and how to prepare for it. As you might suspect, worship will not fully resemble what it was before the pandemic. We humbly ask everyone to bear this burden together, trusting that God does have the whole world in his hands, and that Jesus has defeated the powers of sin, evil, and death through his life, death, and resurrection. Clinging to these promises, we bear this together.

On **Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00 am** our first Holy Communion Service for eight members will be held. This will be followed by another service on **Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 pm**. These mid-week services of Holy Communion will re-occur weekly. Sunday services will continue to be live-streamed at 10:00 am. We will continue this schedule of worship until such time as the state of Illinois says we are going into Phase 4 (50 people or less) and are able to safely accommodate more members.

How will we know when to attend church?

1. The first couple of communion services will be by invitation; this will include those that are sheltering in place on their own.
2. We will launch a sign-up on-line for the Tuesday or Thursday service
3. Next we would like the congregation's input on how we proceed with households that are sheltering in place together (a family unit is people living together during this pandemic).
 - a. Currently we have designed eight places in the church. Do we look at each location as a family unit and have room for eight families?
 - b. Or do we look at a family of two and therefore only four families of two can attend?

This is what we will require of attendees until further notice for phase three and four:

1. If you are ill or running a fever – please stay at home. We will not, at this time, be taking temperatures.
2. Must wear a mask at all times (one will be provided if you do not have one.)
3. Come into the church and go immediately to your assigned seat (or after hanging up your coat), remaining six feet away from other members already seated or are in the process of coming in.
4. Sanitizer will be in the pew, please use when arriving and when you feel the need prior to leaving.
5. A bulletin will be available at your seating location.
6. When you leave church, please take your mask and bulletin, leaving the sanitizer.

What will service be like?

1. As you walk into the church from the narthex, you will notice a table with an offering plate and extra envelopes.
2. You will be assigned a location prior to the service and each location will have a number (see attached diagram).
3. Your mask, if needed will be in the pew, please take it with you for use the next time you come, as we have a limited supply. Please let us know if you ever need a replacement.
4. There will be no singing, however; Bob will be playing prior and after service.
5. There will be no physical sharing of the peace. Please remain in your pew and share the peace from there.
6. A bulletin will be provided and will be at your location when you arrive.
7. Communion will be one person (group) at a time by location number. So, Left Location #1 will be the first person on the left-hand side of the church in front as you face the altar. When it is time to receive communion, Location #1 will go up to a prepared communion table and take the communion for your location number from the table. Remove mask. Consume the communion and replace mask. Dispose of cups and containers in the receptacle provided. Then return to your seat. Pastor will commune last. When Location #1 has returned to their seat then Location #2 may go up to the communion table. This process will continue until all people have communed.
8. After service, please leave one at a time starting from the back locations going out of the church through the narthex and out into the parking lot, starting with Location #8, then #4, back and forth until everyone has left.

What you will notice:

1. There will be no bowl in the baptismal font which will be in the front of the church.
2. There will be no hymnals, envelopes, cards and pencils at your location.
3. Restrooms are available for one occupant at a time use. Knock before you enter the restroom. Do not enter if it is occupied, waiting outside the restroom at a distance until it is available. Allow for social distance and time between restroom use. Wash hands thoroughly.

Please remember that no one is allowed in the Church without approval from Pastor, Kim and/or Julie. If there are any groups or committees that would like to meet – please call Pastor.



Phase 3 and 4 Seating Diagram

Key

- Pew/Seating Location
- Individual Communion Setting

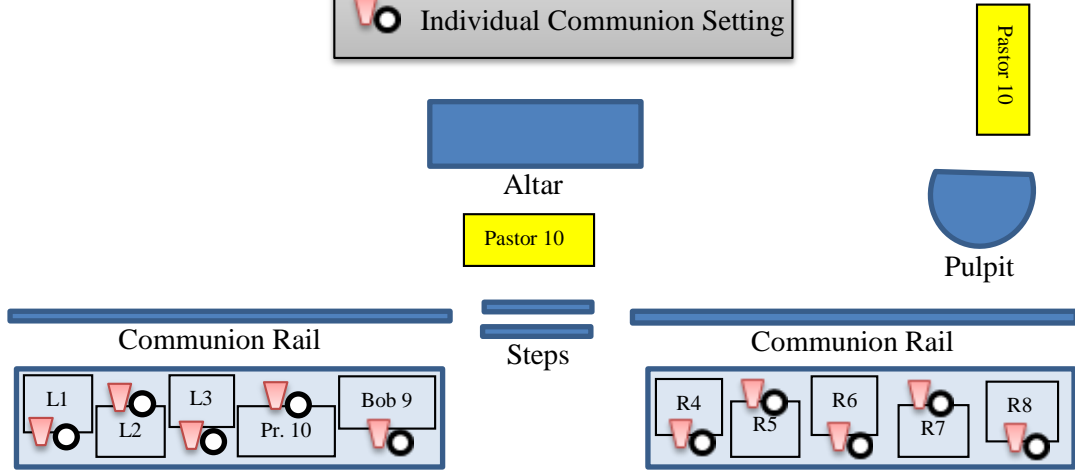


Table 1 - Communion servings spaced and labeled corresponding to respective pew location

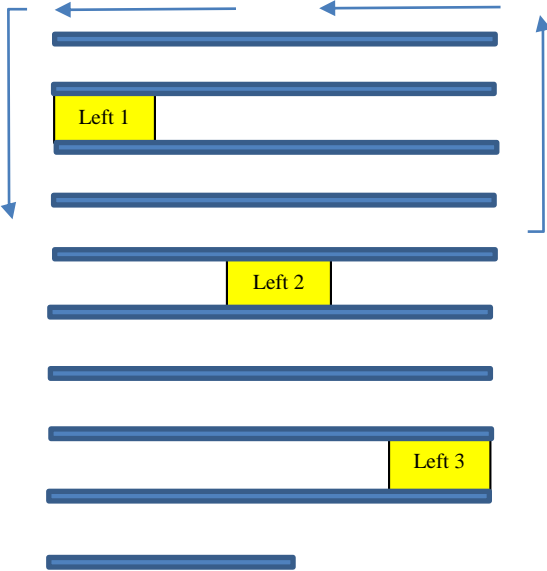
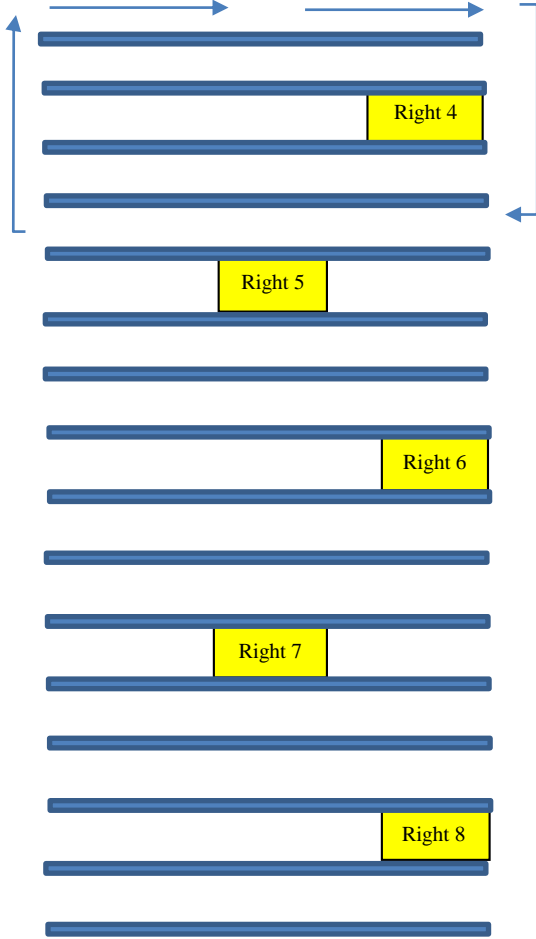


Table 2 - Communion servings spaced and labeled corresponding to respective pew location



Piano Bob 9

Audio/Visual Desk

Restore Illinois

The governor's plan allows for more activities to open up as the coronavirus slows its spread. Here is a breakdown of changes, phase by phase.

Health care

■ **Phase 1:** COVID-19 health care and emergency health care procedures only

■ **Phase 2:** Elective health care procedures, with IDPH approval

■ **Phase 3:** Health care providers open, with IDPH approval

■ **Phase 4:** All open

■ **Phase 5:** All open

Gatherings

■ **Phase 1:** Essential gatherings must be 10 or fewer. No nonessential gatherings

■ **Phase 2:** Essential gatherings must be 10 or fewer. No nonessential gatherings

■ **Phase 3:** All gatherings of 10 or fewer allowed

■ **Phase 4:** Gatherings of 50 people or fewer allowed, following CDC guidelines

■ **Phase 5:** Large gatherings of all sizes can resume

Schools

■ **Phase 1:** Remote learning. Schools, universities closed.

■ **Phase 2:** Remote learning. Schools, universities closed.

■ **Phase 3:** Remote learning. Schools closed.

■ **Phase 4:** All schools, universities can open

■ **Phase 5:** All schools, universities can open

Child care

■ **Phase 1:** Must be 10 or fewer and for essential workers

■ **Phase 2:** Must be 10 or fewer and for essential workers

■ **Phase 3:** Limited child care and summer youth activities can open

■ **Phase 4:** Child care can open with guidance

■ **Phase 5:** All open

Restaurants

■ **Phase 1:** Open for drive-thru, pickup and delivery

■ **Phase 2:** Open for drive-thru, pickup and delivery

■ **Phase 3:** Open for drive-thru, pickup and delivery

■ **Phase 4:** Open with capacity limits

■ **Phase 5:** All open

Nonessential businesses

■ **Phase 1:** Nonessential businesses are operating from home

■ **Phase 2:** Nonessential businesses are operating from home

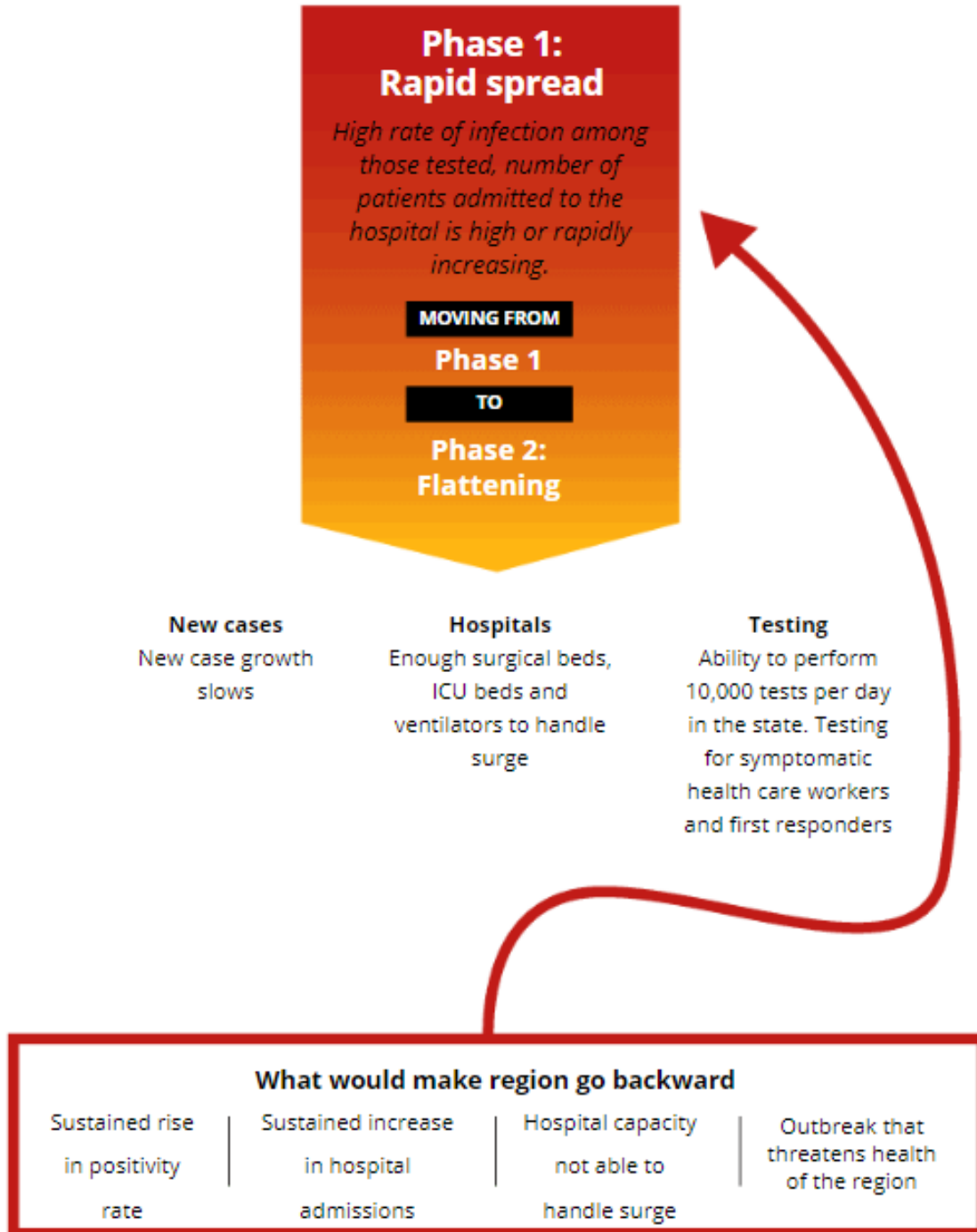
■ **Phase 3:** Employees can return to work

■ **Phase 4:** Employees can return to work

■ **Phase 5:** All open

Steps for regions to open up

Pritzker presented five phases, each of which can be achieved by meeting improved health benchmarks. Here is how a region can progress from one phase to the next and how it could fall back.



Phase 2: Flattening

Rate of infection and the number of patients admitted to the hospital beds and ICU beds increases at an ever slower rate, flattening or even moving downward.

MOVING FROM

Phase 2

TO

**Phase 3:
Recovery**

New cases

At or under 20% positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over 14 days

Hospitals

No overall increase in hospital admissions for 28 days. At least 14% of ICU beds, surgical beds and ventilators to handle surge

Testing

Testing available for all patients, health care workers, first responders, people with underlying conditions and residents and staff in congregate living facilities

Contact tracing

Should be available and begin within 24 hours of diagnosis

What would make region go backward

Sustained rise
in positivity
rate

Sustained increase
in hospital
admissions

Hospital capacity
not able to
handle surge

Outbreak that
threatens health
of the region

Phase 3: Recovery

The rate of infection is stable or declining. Hospitalizations and ICU capacity remains stable or is decreasing.

MOVING FROM

Phase 3

TO

**Phase 4:
Revitalization**

New cases

At or under 20% positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over 14 days

Hospitals

No overall increase in hospital admissions for 28 days. At least 14% of ICU beds, surgical beds and ventilators to handle surge

Testing

Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Contact tracing

Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in region

What would make region go backward

Sustained rise
in positivity
rate

Sustained increase
in hospital
admissions

Hospital capacity
not able to
handle surge

Outbreak that
threatens health
of the region

Phase 4: Revitalization

Continued decline in infection rate. Hospitals have capacity and can quickly adapt for a surge.

MOVING FROM

Phase 4

TO

**Phase 5:
Illinois
restored**

New cases

Vaccine, treatment or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

What would make region go backward

Sustained rise
in positivity
rate

Sustained increase
in hospital
admissions

Hospital capacity
not able to
handle surge

Outbreak that
threatens health
of the region

Phase 5: Illinois restored

Testing, tracing and treatment are widely available throughout the state. Either a vaccine or treatment options are readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period.